

17. [Amended] A host cell comprising:
- (a) an Ad backbone plasmid [comprising] consisting essentially of an Ad genome lacking map units 0 to 9.2, wherein the numbering of the map units starts with the lefthand ITR [and wherein the plasmid lacks a loxP sequence], and
 - (b) a shuttle plasmid [comprising] consisting essentially of Ad sequences from 0 to 1 and 9.2 to 16.1 map units of an Ad genome[, wherein the shuttle plasmid lacks a loxP sequence].
22. [Amended] A method for rapidly producing recombinant adenovirus comprising contacting a host cell with
- (a) an Ad backbone plasmid [comprising] consisting essentially of an Ad genome lacking map units 0 to 9.2, wherein the numbering of the map units starts with the lefthand ITR [and wherein the backbone plasmid lacks a loxP sequence], and
 - (b) a shuttle plasmid [comprising] consisting essentially of Ad sequences from 0 to 1 and 9.2 to 16.1 map units of an Ad genome[, wherein the shuttle plasmid lacks a loxP sequence].
26. [Cancel] An article of manufacture comprising packaging material and a cloning system for generating recombinant adenovirus comprising:
- (a) an Ad backbone plasmid comprising an Ad genome lacking map units 0 to 9.2, wherein the numbering of the map units starts with the lefthand ITR and wherein the backbone plasmid lacks a loxP sequence, and
 - (b) a shuttle plasmid comprising Ad sequences from 0 to 1 and 9.2 to 16.1 map units of an Ad genome, wherein the shuttle plasmid lacks a loxP sequence, wherein said packaging material comprises instructions that indicate that the cloning system can be used for generating recombinant adenovirus.
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REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on July 5, 2001, and the references cited therewith.